New Health Insurance Scheme

1377. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the L.I.C. has brought out a new Health Insurance Scheme called Jeevan Raksha;

(b) if so, the purpose thereof and its terms and conditions;

(c) whether persons in the rural areas have been covered by this scheme;

(d) if so, what is their number State-wise and year-wise since the scheme was inaugurated; and

(e) if answer to part (c) above be in the negative, the steps proposed to be taken to give the scheme a push in the rural sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) have reported that they have not brought out any new health insurance scheme called "Jeevan Raksha".

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Socio-Economic Reforms

1378. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to introduce socio-economic reforms in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether there has been any formal representation by any NGO in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) Since 1991, the Government has undertaken significant reforms in several sectors of the economy to increase efficiency and productivity of Indian industries and to induce dynamism to the overall growth process. These reforms have a human face and emphasize the development and utilization of human resources. In 2002-03 (BE) the Central